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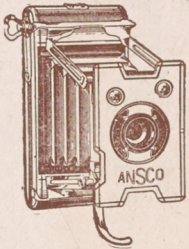
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MARCEL .....	Mario Valle
COLLINE .....	Pietro De Biasi
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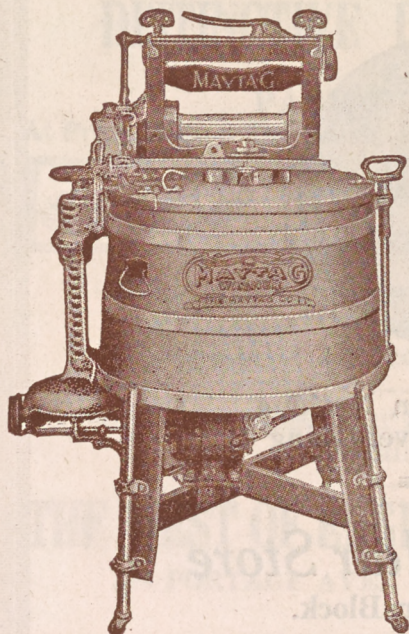
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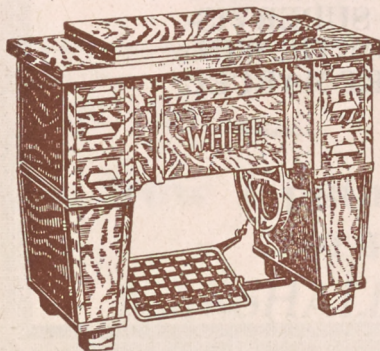
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## **"AIDA"—(Continued)**

### **SYNOPSIS OF SCENES**

**ACT I—Scene 1:** Hall in the Palace of the King at Memphis.

Scene 2: The Temple of Vulcan at Memphis.

**ACT II—Scene 1:** Hall in the Apartments of Amneris.

Scene 2: Entrance to the City of Thebes.

**ACT III—Banks of the Nile.**

**ACT IV—Scene 1:** Hall in the King's Palace.

Scene 2: Temple of Vulcan, with crypt beneath.

### **ARGUMENT**

**ACT I—**Aida, daughter of Ethiopia's king, is held in servitude by the Egyptians. She loves Radames, who loves her. Amneris, daughter of the King of Egypt, is, although it is unrevealed, also in love with Radames. The latter is chosen leader of troops to resist the invading Ethiopians. He is victorious.

**ACT II—**Amneris learns that Radames loves Aida, which fact she has suspected. She becomes furious. Among the prisoners of Radames is

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ACT III—Radames, whose marriage with Amneris is about to take place, resolves to flee with Aida and Amonasro, but is apprehended by the high priest, Ramfis, and Amneris.

ACT IV—He is tried for treason and condemned to death, notwithstanding the entreaties of Amneris in his behalf. The last scene shows the reunion in death of Aida and the hero.

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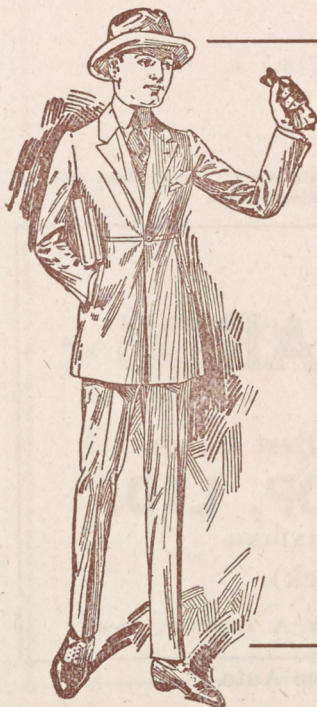
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## "CARMEN"—(Continued)

### SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I—A public square in Seville.

ACT II—A tavern in the suburbs of Seville.

ACT III—A wild and rocky pass in the mountains.

ACT IV—A Square in Seville. Bull Ring at back.

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**"CARMEN"—(Continued)**

**ARGUMENT**

Soldiers are waiting for the guard to be mounted. Micaela, a village girl, appears; she seeks a brigadier (Don Jose), bearing a message from his mother. The officer on guard invites her to wait; she declines and departs. The relief guard and Don Jose come on. The square is crowded with young men. Don Jose is indifferent. Girls enter, and young men inquire for Carmen, who asserts her desire for universal dominion by flinging at the silent Don Jose the flower she wears in her dress. Factory bells ring. Girls hasten to work. Don Jose's blood is roused, but the arrival of Micaela with a letter and purse from his mother calms him, and he resolves to stifle the sudden passion Carmen has excited, and devotes himself, as his mother wishes, to Micaela. She has scarcely gone and Don Jose is about to throw

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The second act displays an inn. Carmen is here with friends. They sing and dance. Officers and soldiers are here also. The captain is fascinated by Carmen. A new arrival, Escamillo, appears, the victorious bull-fighter of Grenada. Soldiers and gypsies welcome him. He devotes himself to Carmen. 'Tis time to close the inn. Escamillo and soldiers depart, but two smugglers, having booty in view, seek Carmen's assistance. She refuses to accompany them, telling them she is waiting for her lover. The smugglers try to persuade Carmen to induce Jose to join the band. She agrees, and when the enamored brigadier arrives Carmen tempts him to stay, in spite of the trumpet of recall. He refuses to become a deserter, and is about to quit her when an officer forces his way in and orders him out. Sabers are drawn. Carmen calls for aid. The gypsies, Carmen and Jose escape to the mountains.

The contrabandists are busy; Jose is there with Carmen, whose love is waning. He still adores her, though stung by remorse for his mother. All are quitting the haunt when Escamillo arrives. He has toiled up the rocks in pursuit of Carmen, and not knowing Jose, reveals his passion to him.

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#### "CARMEN"—(Continued)

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A bull fight is about to begin. Escamillo is there with the faithless Carmen. He departs. Carmen's gypsy friends warn her that Jose is in search of her. She will not conceal herself, and resolves to brave him. Jose comes. He tries to rekindle the old love. Carmen will not listen. Maddened with her joy at the triumph of Escamillo, Jose stabs her, and Carmen falls dead as the victorious Escamillo enters.

WEDNESDAY EVE., DEC. 10th.

#### "RIGOLETTO"

Opera in Four Acts, by Verdi.

#### CAST OF CHARACTERS

DUKE OF MANTUA .....	Giuseppe Agostini
RIGOLETTO .....	Mario Valle
GILDA .....	Queenia Mario
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A PAGE .....	Alice Homer

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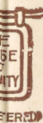
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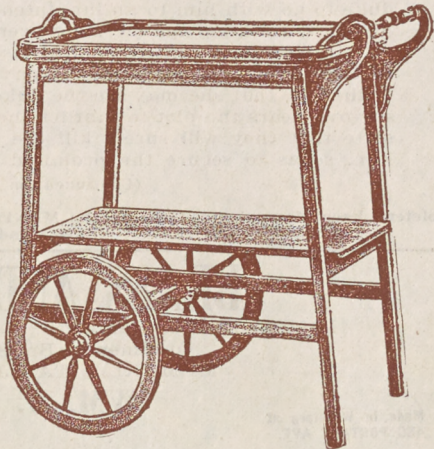
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ACT III—Street in Nuremberg.

ACT IV—Marguerite's Prison.

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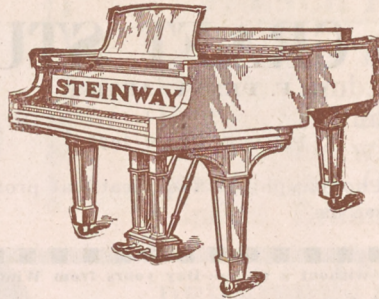
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ACT II—Capulet's Garden, with a View of Juliet's Apartment.  
ACT III—Scene 1—The Cell of Frere Laurent. Scene 2—A Street in Verona.  
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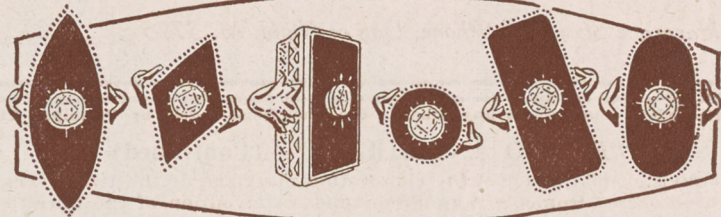
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Opera in Four Acts by Giuseppe Verdi

#### CAST OF CHARACTERS

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GAETANO MEROLA.....Conductor

#### SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I—Scene 1: Interior of Castle. Scene 2: Garden.  
ACT II—Scene 1: A Ruined House. Scene 2: Exterior of Church.  
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